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[Application Method]

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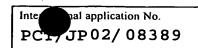
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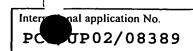
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I Basis of the report						
II Priority		·				
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IV Lack of unity of inve	ntion					
	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement					
VI Certain documents ci	ted					
VII Certain defects in the	VII Certain defects in the international application					
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I.	Ba	asis of the report	·			
1.	With	th regard to the elements of the international application:*				
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		the description:		i-i-alle filed		
		pages 1-2,5-19				
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		the drawings: sheets/fig Fig.1-7		as originally filed		
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	_	pages		, as originally filed		
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2.	2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item. These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language which is: the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).					
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		the description, pages				
		the claims, Nos.				
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V.	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement				
1.	Statement				
	Novelty (N)	Claims Claims	1-7	YES	
	Inventive step (IS)	Claims Claims	1-7	YES	
	Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-7	YES	
		Claims		NO	

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The following document has been considered for the purpose of this report:

D1 = [JP 4-19862 B2]

D2 = [JP 3151153 B2]

D3 = [JP 3-54575 B2]

1. Claims 1-7

The subject matter of claims 1-7,that is "a resilient arm member having one end and the other end, said one end supporting said at least one probe thereon and said the other end being firmly fixed to said probe base", is neither disclosed in any of the documents cited in the ISR nor obvious to a person skilled in the art.